

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7548

Petition of Ampersand Gilman Biomass, LLC, for a )  
certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section )  
248, for authority to refurbish, expand and operate the )  
existing biomass-fueled steam turbine facility located in )  
the former Dirigo Paper Mill building in the Town of )  
Lunenburg, Vermont )

Order entered: 12/21/2009

**ORDER RE: INTERVENTION & SCHEDULING**

On July 14, 2009, Ampersand Gilman Biomass, LLC ("AGB") filed a petition (the "Petition") with the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248 to refurbish, expand, and operate the biomass-fueled generation unit located at the former Dirigo Paper Mill in Lunenburg, Vermont (the "Project").

A prehearing conference was held in this Docket on September 1, 2009. At the prehearing, the Hearing Officer and Board staff raised a number of questions with AGB regarding information about the Project presented in the Petition.<sup>1</sup> AGB agreed to provide written responses to the Board by October 8, 2009. Consequently, no schedule was set for this proceeding by the Hearing Officer at that time, pending receipt of the supplemental filing by AGB.

On October 2, 2009, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") filed a Motion to Intervene in this docket.

On October 8, 2009, AGB filed the requested supplemental information.

On November 3, 2009, the Clerk of the Board issued a memorandum to the parties requesting comments on the supplemental information filed by AGB and on the Motion to Intervene filed by CVPS.

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1. See Docket 7548, Prehearing Conference Memorandum of 9/11/09 at 2.

AGB filed its response to the memorandum on November 13, 2009, stating that it has no objection to CVPS's intervention motion and proposing that a scheduling conference be convened after receipt by AGB of a System Impact Study ("SIS"), to be completed by the New England Independent System Operator by the end of January 2010. AGB represents that the parties support CVPS's motion to intervene and AGB's proposal for a scheduling conference.

In the absence of objections from any of the parties to this docket, the motion to intervene is granted pursuant to Board Rule 2.209. In addition, I accept AGB's proposal to convene a scheduling conference, to be scheduled at a mutually convenient time after receipt of the SIS at the end of January 2010, at which time a schedule for the remainder of this proceeding will be set.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

s/Jay E. Dudley  
Jay E. Dudley  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: December 21, 2009

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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